

- ◆ Develop Planned Giving
- ◆ Grants: Becky Matkov is going to Tallahassee tomorrow Nov. 16<sup>th</sup> for a State Bureau of Historic Preservation grant application.

There was an open discussion regarding these "short" and "long" term fundraising ideas. Blanca Mesa suggested sending a letter to the people who have signed the petition for the Miami Circle, thanking them for their support and asking them to join DHT, supporting our efforts to save the Circle. For example with a \$50 tax deductible donation, they would receive a \$35.00 membership and \$15 would go towards the Circle Fund. Blanca Mesa and Penny Lambeth will work together on this letter. Blanca has a list of e-mail addresses from the petition and will email the letter to those people ASAP.

Dolly MacIntyre is sending out a Christmas "Help Us Fill Our Stocking" letter requesting donations. Another suggestion by the Board was for Becky to send a letter to our Heritage Members and up requesting a year-end donation.

Don Sackrider has volunteered in the past to establish a "Leave a Legacy" endowment fund. Becky Matkov is to contact him regarding this policy.

Judy Pruitt is working on establishing income producing historic tours.

The Board concurred that DHT, as a community based organization, has "been there" for the City and County in their projects and in their grant applications. Motion directed Becky Matkov and Enid Pinkney to write a "Special Appeal" letter to the Miami Community that we have supported and that has supported the efforts of DHT stating our accomplishments over the years. The letter will request tax deductible donations and will let them know that we as an organization are in financial trouble and that we now need the help of the public that we serve. The request will be for donations by Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. Moved - Bill Murphy. Seconded - Thorn Grafton, passed.

Jane Caporelli will contact DPL to secure a list of corporations and individuals to which this letter can be sent.

Jane Caporelli also suggested that DHT contact corporations asking/ suggesting that they make a tax deductible donation to DHT's preservation efforts on behalf of clients that they might otherwise send a holiday gift to as a year end gift.- i.e. architectural firms, real estate companies that deal in historic properties. Jane and Bill Murphy will work together on this project ASAP.

Dolly MacIntyre, Margaret Pelton, Enid Pinkney, and Rachel Parsons are to work with Marisol to create a list of memberships that have expired and have a telephone drive requesting renewal.

Jane Caporelli is organizing a meeting of the Miami Historic Neighborhood "Right and Left Hands" on Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. [Location to be announced] This meeting will be hosted by DHT inviting The Miami Alliance of Historic Neighborhoods and like-minded persons.

### **III. DHT's "Endangered Historic Resources/ Historic Sites List-**

A motion to designate the following as DHT's Endangered Historic Resources/ Historic Sites List:

1. The Miami Circle
2. The Freedom Tower

3. Virginia Key and the Marine Stadium
4. Lummus Park Neighborhood on the Miami River
5. Barnacle Addition
6. The Redland
7. The Curtis Mansion
8. "MiMo" Hotels – Miami Beach [Randall Robinson to designate specific sites]
9. The Gusman Center
10. South Florida "Bungalow" Structures

Moved by Neil Robertson, seconded Dolly MacIntyre, passed.

The Endangered Sites Committee is to work up this list with descriptions and pictures. There will be a DHT Press Conference on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>, to announce this Endangered Sites List.

Blanca Mesa requested that DHT write a letter of support regarding the "Cloisters on the Bay," 3471 Main Highway, Coconut Grove. A motion was made for DHT to write a letter to Mr. Frank Rollasen, Director, City of Miami Building and Zoning Department, to request all work on the Cloister by the Bay Project be stopped until all the provisions required by Chapter 23, Historic Preservation 23-6[e]. This would include bringing the issue before the Historic and Environmental Preservation Board for disposition. This letter will be written and sent out tomorrow Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1999.

Moved by Neil Robertson, seconded by Tina Lane, passed.

The special called meeting was adjourned at 8:00pm.

# **A Wake up Walk Through Bicentennial Park**

*Planning Public Space for the New Millennium*

**December 11, 1999: 9:30 AM**

**Coffee, Juice and Donuts Will Be Available**

The public is invited to meet at the entrance to Bicentennial Park (off Biscayne Blvd, north of the new American Airlines Arena) at 9:30 AM December 11 to take a walk through the park, examine its various features, and assess how it can be redesigned for the active use of residents and tourists alike. Parking can be found at Bayside or off Biscayne Boulevard in front of the park itself.

The Urban Environment League, in conjunction with Dade Heritage Trust, the Sierra Club and other local and national organizations has created a *Committee of Hundreds to Help Redesign Bicentennial Park*. The group seeks greater public involvement in making the park a vital recreational place. We are interested in preserving and enhancing this last open space on the bay without the massive intrusion of a baseball stadium. We also want to see this park linked to other relevant historical and recreational sites along the Miami's waterfront, including the Miami Circle, the Freedom Tower, Virginia Key Beach, Watson Island and other locations. Creating greater public awareness about the many problems besetting our parks and the many possibilities for public development needs to be initiated as soon as possible.

We are planning several events in January 2,000 to further our objectives.

The first will present several speakers with images of waterfront parks in other cities around the world. The Second will be a public workshop to explore specific ideas for redesigning the park.

If you are interested in joining the *Committee of Hundreds* please call fax 305-667-9080 or call 305-667-4398.

# The Urban Environment League

## Urges You To Join *The Committee of Hundreds* To Help Redesign Bicentennial Park

The Urban Environment League in conjunction with other local groups announces the creation of a fast growing *Committee of Hundreds*.

Committee members agree that Miami's Bicentennial Park should be cleaned up as soon as possible and enhanced for primary use as an open-air park for residents and tourists alike. The group seeks to redesign the landscape so that it can become a popular public place, predominantly of natural beauty and meaning that befits its name which was originally bestowed by residents to honor the memory of the founders of the United States. The Committee seeks to understand why this land has been allowed to become a derelict eyesore and an embarrassment for our region.

Members agree that Bicentennial Park is not the place for a baseball stadium. Miami area residents have the right to enjoy this last remaining parcel of open waterfront land. It does belong to them.

The Committee plans to help clean up the area, create a series of public events, get public input into its redesign, link it to other area attractions, and work to make Bicentennial Park a place of pride and recreation that finally honors the commitment made a generation ago by residents who paid millions of dollars for the land in honor of the founders of the nation.

If you are interested in joining, return this fax with your name and other information. Thank you and Please Pass On The Word. We're not exclusive.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail \_\_\_\_\_

For further information, contact Gregory Bush at 305-667-4398  
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Founding Members: Dan Paul, attorney; Elizabeth Plater-Zyberk, Dean, UM School of Architecture, Gregory Bush, President, Urban Environment League; Former Commissioner Thelma Anderson Gibson; Miami-Dade Commissioners Katy Sorenson and Jimmy Morales; Former Miami Mayor Maurice Ferre; Alan Farago, Head of the Miami Chapter, Sierra Club, Adriana Comellas-Macretti, President of the League of Women Voters, Arva Moore Parks McCabe; Enid Pinkney, President of Dade Heritage Trust; Ed Bell, WLRN Radio, Kenneth Bluh, President, Kendall Voters Alliance; Donald Spivey, UM Professor of History; Sallye Jude, President, Land Trust of Dade; Paul George, Verneka Silva, Gene Tinnie, Clyde Judson, Penny Lambeth, Judith Arango, Ruth Jacobs, Ana Maria Monte Flores, John DeLeon, Ira Marc Katz, Exec. Director, Bayfront Park Management Trust, Dennis Kainen, President of the Dade County Bar Association AND MANY MORE